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1. WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH GEVREKYAN OF DDI WHO REPORTS THAT PRINCIPAL REASON FOR GOCAE'S DELAY IN HOLDING TALKS WITH JOLIS IS ITS DESIRE TO REVISING MINING AND INVESTMENT CODES BEFORE NEGOTIATIONS BEGIN. SCED REP ABOSSOLO CONTINUES TO BE PUT OFF BY SECRETARY OF STATE FOR MINES EACH TIME HE RAISES POSSIBLE JOLIS VISIT. MOST RECENTLY JOLIS SUGGESTED VISIT IN PERIOD APRIL 15-20 WITHOUT ELICITING POSITIVE GOCAR RESPONSE.

2. IN HIS APRIL 15 CONVERSATION WITH PRIME MINISTER
PATASSE, THE AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT JOLIS WAS AVAILABLE TO
COME TO BANGUI TO PURSUE DISCUSSION ABOUT THE FUTURE
OF SCED WHENEVER GOCAE DESIRED. HE ASKED PRIME MINISTER WHAT
HE THOUGHT A SUITABLE TIME MIGHT BE. PATASSE RESPONDED THAT
HE WOULD BE ABSENT FROM BANGUI UNTIL APRIL 25 FOR
THE FRANCOPHONE SUMMIT. HE INDICATED THAT HE HAD ALREADY
DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH HIS SECRETARY OF STATE FOR MINES.
PATASSE SAID HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO RECEIVE JOLIS IN EITHER
THE LAST WEEK OF APRIL OR THE FIRST WEEK OF MAY.
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3. COMMENT: PATASSE DID NOT GIVE US ANY INDICATION OF WHAT GOCAE POSITION WOULD BE. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT IT IS STILL NOT READY FOR SUBSTANTIVE TALKS. NONETHELESS, HAVING NOW RAISED THE ISSUE WITH THE PRIME MINISTER BELIEVE JOLIS SHOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO BE HERE IN PERIOD SUGGESTED.

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